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SUBJECT: REGIONAL CONSULAR CONFERENCE

REF: A) STATE 068017; B) STUTTGART 0533; C) DEPT OM OF 12/28/76;
D) STUTTGART'S OM OF 11/19/76

1. IN ADDITION TO THOSE TOPICS ALREADY SUGGESTED IN REF B,
STUTTGART WISHES TO PROPOSE ONE ADDITIONAL TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION
AT THE PARIS CONSULAR CONFERENCE.

2. TO QUOTE FROM REF D: "DURING THE REGULAR MILITARY COURIER
TRAINING CONFERENCES HELD BY THIS CONSULATE GENERAL ONE QUESTION
IS INVARIABLY ASKED AGAIN AND AGAIN: "WHY CAN NATIVE-BORN, REGULAR
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OBTAIN A FULL-VALIDITY PASSPORT ON THE BASIS
OF THEIR I.D. CARD ALONE WHILE ENLISTED MEN AND WARRANT OFFICERS
MUST ALWAYS PRESENT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF BIRTH?" THIS QUESTION
IS USUALLY FOLLOWED WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT AN OFFICIAL EXTRACT
OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL RECORDS CERTIFYING AS TO A
PERSON'S DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH SHOULD SUFFICE TO ISSUE A FULL
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VALIDITY PASSPORT TO NATIVE-BORN ENLISTED PERSONNEL AND WARRANT
OFFICERS. THE CONSULAR OFFICER IS LEFT TO QUOTE THE PERTINENT
REGULATIONS, THE ENLISTED MEN TO GRUMBLE AND THE REGULAR OFFICERS
PRESENT USUALLY TO REMAIN SILENT."

3. BEYOND THE PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEMS INHERENT IN THIS
SITUATION IS THE WASTE OF TIME AND EFFORT NEEDED TO EXPLAIN TO

ENLISTED MEN THE APPLICABLE REGULATIONS, WHERE AND HOW TO WRITE
FOR THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND THE FINAL EXTENSION PROCEDURES
FOR THEIR EMERGENCY PASSPORTS ONCE THEY HAVE OBTAINED THEIR
BIRTH CERTIFICATES.

4. WHILE THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE (REF C) TO OUR OM WAS
THOROUGH IN REITERATING OUTSTANDING REGULATIONS, IT DID NOT
ANSWER OUR BASIC QUESTION AS TO WHETHER ANY CONSIDERATION HAS
EVER BEEN GIVEN TO LIBERALIZING THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT
FOR ENLISTED MEN.MILLER

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